

TOWN/UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
Tuesday, May 13, 2014
Audrey Beck Municipal Building, Council Chambers

Minutes

Present: J. Armstrong, P. Barry, J. Coite, R. Cournoyer, M. Gilbert, M. Hart, E. Paterson, H. Rhynhart, N. Silander, W. Wendt, W. Simpson

Staff: L. Painter (*Town*)

Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

1. Meeting Minutes

Silander MOVED, Armstrong seconded, approval of the March 11, 2014 and April 8, 2014 minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Updates:

a. *Mansfield Downtown Partnership:* Hart provided an update on the following activities at Storrs Center: scheduled completion date for TS-3 building, Phase 3 marketing efforts, April grand opening celebration for the Nash Zimmer Transportation Center, scheduled completion date for the Town Square, Square Fairs scheduled for the fourth Friday of each month and the grand opening of Price Chopper scheduled for June 6th.

b. *MCCP:* Armstrong provided an update on off-campus student services activities, including joint visits with the Mansfield Resident Trooper to students planning parties. The last meeting of the MCCP for the spring will be held in May; meetings will start up again in August. Armstrong also noted that they are expanding outreach to off-campus fraternities and sororities. Hart requested that Greek Life make a presentation to the committee at a future meeting.

c. *USG:* No update.

d. *Impact Study for NextGen CT:* Hart noted that an RFQ for consultant services to prepare the impact study has been issued. UCONN will be providing the majority of the funding for the study

e. *Give and Go Program.* Hart and Armstrong updated the committee on the jointly sponsored program that provides central locations for students to donate items as they move out of their dorms and two off-campus apartment complexes. Donations benefit 20 local non-profit organizations.

f. *UCONN Construction Update.* Coite updated the committee on several projects, including the campus-wide master plan currently underway, a water main replacement from Spring Manor Farm to Hunting Lodge Road, a streetscape project along Storrs Road at the Fine Arts building, projected June start date for North Hillside Road

construction, projected November start date for the Innovation Partnership Building, and recently issued Environmental Impact Evaluations for a new STEM residence hall and Engineering and Science Building.

3. UCONN Spring Weekend

Cournoyer, Rhynhart and Armstrong updated the committee on Spring Weekend activities. The consensus was that Spring Weekend was a success this year, with only four citations issued and no medical transports, far fewer than in previous years. The on-campus activity programs and restrictions on guests and parking are continuing to work. The most activity off-campus occurred at the Willington Oaks apartments. They also updated the committee on activities related to the NCAA championship games, noting that most of the activity and arrests were on-campus.

4. Other Business

The following items were identified for future agendas: Report from the Office of Greek Life, update on the Four Corners sewer and water project, and a report on fraternity usage of homes off-campus.

5. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Committee

No comments received.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda M. Painter, AICP
Director of Planning and Development, Town of Mansfield